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SUBJ: TEXTILE LABOR DEMONSTRATIONS; TEXTILE EXPORTS TO U.S.

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BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. DESPITE SETTLEMENT OF TEXTILE WORKERS DISPUTE WITH AGREEMENT BY EMPLOYERS NOT TO LAY OFF WORKERS AS MEANS OF DEALING WITH OVERPRODUCTION (REFTEL A), SEVERAL THOUSAND TEXTILE WORKERS OVER WEEKEND HELD MEETINGS AND ON SUNDAY, JUNE 9, MARCHED TO LABOR DEPARTMENT. THEY CARRIED LIST OF SIX DEMANDS, AND ALSO ATTEMPTED AT LATE HOUR TO DELIVER PETITION TO PRIME MINISTER, ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS. DEMANDS INCLUDED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, INCREASE IN MINIMUM WAGE FROM PRESENT 16 BAHT PER DAY TO 25 BAHT AND MORE GENEROUS SEVERANCE PAY. SAME SOURCES MONDAY MORNING STATED THAT DWINDLING NUMBER STILL IN PHYSICAL CONTROL OF LABOR DEPARTMENT COMPOUND. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES CONTINUE TO BE REPORTED AS INVOLVED IN AND AS ENCOURAGING STRIKE ACTION.

2. ALSO ON JUNE 9 A PANEL DISCUSSION AT THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY HEARD VARIOUS SPEAKERS ON THE SUBJECT OF
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"TEXTILE WORKERS VS BLOODSUCKING JAPANESE CAPITALISTS,"

OF WHICH AT LEAST ONE SPEAKER PURPORTEDLY REPRESENTED A GROUP OF TEXTILE WORKERS. STATEMENTS OF SPEAKERS, AS REPORTED IN BANGKOK POST FOR EXAMPLE, HAD SHARP ANTI FOREIGN CAPITAL TONE. (TEXTILE INDUSTRY IS DOMINATED BY FOREIGN INVESTORS). ABOUT TWO THOUSAND FROM THE AUDIENCE JOINED THE DEMONSTRATORS, ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS.

3. PRESS HAS DESCRIBED DEMONSTRATING WORKERS AS BEING OUTSIDE THE LABOR ASSOCIATIONS THAT HAD ACCEPTED THE MANAGEMENT OFFER OF NO LAYOFFS. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR CONTACTS WERE NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF THIS MESSAGE. TEXTILE COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE, WHOSE WORKERS NOT INVOLVED, TOLD ECON/CML. COUNSELOR THAT STRIKERS WERE DRAWN MAINLY FROM WEAVERS AND GARMENT WORKERS. ALSO SAID THEY WERE NOT MEMBERS OF THE LABOR ASSOCIATIONS THAT HAD ACCEPTED EMPLOYER OFFER OF NO LAYOFFS.

4. GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY SOURCES CONTACTED ON SUBJECT OF TREND IN EXPORT ORDERS TO U.S. REPORTED SOME DECLINE BUT GAVE NO STATISTICS. MINISTRY OF COMMERCE OFFICIAL STATED THAT MEETING WILL BE HELD IN ABOUT A WEEK WITH THAI TEXTILE MANUFACTURING OFFICIALS AND HE HOPED THEN TO OBTAIN STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON EXPORT ORDERS FROM U.S. OFFICIAL OF LARGE COTTON TEXTILE COMPANY STATED THERE HAD BEEN SOME DECLINE IN ORDERS FROM THE U.S. FOR COTTON TEXTILES BUT EXPECTED OUTLOOK TO IMPROVE OVER NEXT FEW MONTHS. GAVE INCREASED COMPETITION FROM OTHER SUPPLIERS AS REASON FOR DECLINE. ALSO SAID THERE HAD BEEN A DROP IN DOMESTIC SALES BUT IMPROVEMENT NOW BEING REGISTERED. END UNCLASSIFIED.

5. SEARCH OF LOCAL PRESS HAS REVEALED ONLY ONE REFERENCE TO ALLEGED U.S. REDUCTION IN THAI EXPORT QUOTA (REFTEL B)). DAILY NEWS ON JUNE 3 REPORTED ONE LEADER OF A TEXTILE WORKERS' ASSOCIATION AS STATING THAT JAPAN IN RESPONSE TO QUOTA PLACED ON IT BY U.S. HAD TURNED TO THAILAND AS ALTERNATIVE PLACE FOR PRODUCTION FOR EXPORT; U.S. IN RETALIATION HAD REDUCED QUOTA FOR THAILAND. KINTNER

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